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(1) CBS (KALB IN BONN)

KALB: THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR DISCUSSED THE
SHCHARANSKIY CASE, BUT FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES. MR.
CARTER CONDEMNED THE TRIALS, AND LATER IN A SEPARATE STATE-
MENT EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT NO POWER ON EARTH CAN BEAT
BACK THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERTY. SCHMIDT STRESSED THAT
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THROUGH QUIET DIPLOMACY HE RECENTLY WAS ABLE TO REUNITE
75,000 GERMANS. BUT TODAY SCHMIDT HAD TO MODIFY HIS TACTICS.
THIS ENGLISH-LANGUAGE APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT FROM A LEADING
EDITOR OF AN OPPOSITION EDITOR CALLED ON MR. CARTER TO TAKE
UP THE PROBLEM OF EAST GERMANS DEPRIVED OF THEIR HUMAN
RIGHTS. THE PRESIDENT DID NOT DISCUSS THAT, BUT HE MINCED
NO WORDS IN DENOUNCING THE SOVIET TRIALS.

-PRESIDENT CARTER: "WE DEPLORE THIS ACTION ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES. OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE NO MECHANISM NOR ANY DESIRE TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE SOVIET UNION. BUT THE AROUSING OF PUBLIC CONDEMNATION AROUND THE WORLD FOR THE VIOLATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN FREEDOM IS A LEGITIMATE ROLE FOR ME, AS A LEADER, AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRIES."

KALB: IN THIS CONTEXT SCHMIDT FELT OBLIGED TO MENTION HUMAN RIGHTS TRIALS IN EAST GERMANY, URGING AMERICAN REPORTERS TO REMEMBER THAT MANY PEOPLE IN EASTERN EUROPE SUFFER WORSE DEPRIVATIONS THAN SHCHARANSKIY AND GINZBURG.

IT IS MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE A PHILOSOPHICAL DIFFERENCE BUT ONE WITH HEAVY DIPLOMATIC OVERTONES. THE PRESIDENT OBVIOUSLY BELIEVES IN THE POWER OF PUBLIC PERSUASION TO PRESS HIS CASE ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN RUSSIA. THIS APPROACH, HOWEVER, WORRIES SCHMIDT AND MANY OTHER EUROPEANS WHO LIVE SO MUCH CLOSER TO THE RUSSIANS. THEY PREFER A WESTERN POLICY THAT ACCENTS DETENTE WITH RUSSIA, NOT HUMAN RIGHTS.

(2) ABC (DUNSMORE FROM BONN)

DUNSMORE: THIS TIME ANDREW YOUNG IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. HIS REMARKS THAT THERE ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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JAILS HAVE HURT HIM EVEN AMONG HIS FRIENDS IN THE ADMINISTRATION, AND EVERY FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR THE PRESIDENT HAS HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT YOUNG IS A LIABILITY. IT IS KNOWN THAT SECRETARY VANCE DISCUSSED YOUNG WITH THE PRESIDENT THIS MORNING. VANCE IS SAID TO HAVE TOLD THE PRESIDENT WHAT HE TOLD YOUNG HIMSELF YESTERDAY; NAMELY, THAT YOUNG WAS WRONG, THAT HIS TIMING WAS BAD, AND THAT WHAT HE SAID HAD HURT THE PRESIDENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. VANCE IS ALSO SAID TO BELIEVE THAT YOUNG'S APOLOGY YESTERDAY WAS NOT STRONG ENOUGH.

MEANTIME OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS ARE BEGINNING TO SEE YOUNG IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT. WHILE RECOGNIZING HIS IMPORTANCE IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY, THERE IS A GROWING BELIEF THAT EVEN DOMESTICALLY HE MAY BE BECOMING MORE OF A LIABILITY THAN AN ASSET.

AT THIS POINT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHERE THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF STANDS. IN THE PAST HE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY LOYAL TO YOUNG. HOWEVER, AMONG THE PRESIDENT'S LEIUTENTANTS THE ALMOST UNIVERSAL CONCLUSION IS THIS TIME YOUNG WENT TOO FAR.

(3) NBC - (NO NBC TRAVELLING PRESS REPORT TONIGHT)
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